



Montana Legislative Services Division
Legal Services Office

TO: Members of the Law and Justice Interim Committee

FROM: Valencia Lane, Staff Attorney

DATE: September 20, 2007

RE: Dept. of Justice Rule Submissions -- Rule Review
Possession and Display of Antique Slot Machines
Approved Accounting and Reporting System Availability Date
General Specifications of Approved Automated Accounting and Reporting
Systems

The Department of Justice has filed the following rule notices with the Secretary of State's Office for publication in the Montana Administrative Register (MAR):

I.

MAR 2007 Issue No. 16 (August 23, 2007), MAR Notice No. 23-16-188, NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED AMENDMENT. The Department has filed a NOTICE OF HEARING in the matter of the proposed amendment of ARM 23.16.209, 23.16.2102, and 23.16.2105 pertaining to possession and display of antique slot machines, approved accounting and reporting system availability date, and general specifications of approved automated accounting and reporting systems. A hearing was scheduled for September 13, 2007, at 9 a.m. in the conference room at the Gambling Control Division, 2550 Prospect Avenue, Helena, Montana. The public comment period ran to September 20, 2007. The rules establish guidelines for how antique gambling machines may be restored and remain qualified as antique so that they can be legally possessed; establish January 1, 2008, as the availability date for when an approved automated accounting system is available under the terms of multigame agreements for machine owners to electronically report video gambling tax information to the state; and require a video gambling machine's program identification data to be reported to the Division. Rationale for the rules and authority and implemented sections are cited.

TECHNICAL NOTE: The proposed rules were reviewed by committee staff, and no technical problems were noted.

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